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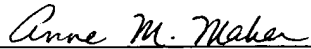
Claims 1-10 and 19 are pending, and have been allowed, in the present application. Claims 11-18 and 20 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. The Issue Fee and Publication Fee are being paid concurrently herewith.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment, and continued allowance of the present application. Applicants submit that entry is appropriate, as the amendment presented herein involves only the cancellation of claims, and should not entail a substantial amount of additional work on the part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. See MPEP 714.16.

In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration and entry of this amendment are respectfully requested.

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